

# ROAD MEETING IN CHESTERFIELD

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**T. E. Woodfin Made President**  
and Hercul Goode, **Secretary,**  
and Treasurer—Mr. Woodfin,  
J. Stewart Bryan, Congress-  
man Lamb, Dr. Williams  
and Others Speak.

WITH a crowd, which numbered fully 500, and in which there were many women, the good roads meeting held near Ritter's Store in Chesterfield county, yesterday, was a pronounced success, both from a financial and from an enthusiastic

The meeting was held in a large tent spread in an open place before a pleasant grove, the speakers being Supervisor T. E. Woodfin, Captain Baker, John Stewart Bryan, of The Times Dispatch; Captain John Lamb, member of Congress from this district; Dr. E. E.

At the conclusion of the address a business meeting was held, and the Midlothian-Manchester Good Roads Association was organized, with T. E. Woodfin as president, and Herclie Goode, secretary and treasurer, and \$500 was subscribed on the spot. Following the good roads meeting a barbecue and luncheon was served under the trees to the people of the district.

and to their invited guests. Among these were twenty or thirty citizens of Richmond and Manchester, who went to the meeting in motor cars. It was about 1 o'clock when Mr. Mason called the meeting to order.

and introduced Captain Baker, who acted as chairman of the meeting. In his introduction of Captain Baker, he spoke of the great possibilities and wonderful resources of Chesterfield county. He mentioned as a fact that from being one of the poorest counties

in the state it had now become rich and prosperous, and that enormous crops were being raised by the farmers, who were receiving great profits in return for their labor. He declared that a year ago he was opposed to mo-

tor cars, but that now he believes the  
are doing great good to the coun-  
districts, and he asserted that within  
a few years every prosperous farmer  
will use them in transporting his pro-

John Stuart Bryan, editor of the Times-Dispatch, was then introduced and spoke along the line of the upbuilding of the State and the importance of Virginia's taking her place in the front rank in advocating

great movements. He told of what had been done for education in the State, and pointed out that every child within the confines of the Old Dominion had now the privilege of receiving

Mr. Bryan declared that the question of good roads is the most important one now before the people of the whole

United States, and that Virginia could not afford to be behindhand in the movement, but should take advantage of the opportunity which would bring prosperity not only to the farm

He said that he agreed with William Jennings Bryan, who had declared that the farmer is the rock on which civilization rests, and if the farmers of a State are prosperous, then the

whole State is prosperous. Conditions in Virginia at present, he declared, were the very best schools and the very worst roads, and he called on the people of the State to improve the

public highways, just as the schools had been improved. Mr. Bryan spoke of the speech made by Judge Mann at Blackstone on Thursday, in which the next Governor of Virginia had de-

ciated that he stood heart and soul in favor of good roads, declaring that this meant that the good roads movement for the next four years would be first in public importance.

The next speaker was Dr. Ennio Williams, president of the State Board of Health, who briefly discussed the question of health and good roads. He paid a high compliment to Cantalero.

Baker, who, he said, had done more to build up the Health Department of the State than any other man, and in conclusion, declared that the two greatest things that the people of this State

are engaged in at the present time a building good roads and improving the Health Department.

Captain Lamb, member of Congress was the next speaker. He said, I

"History proves that in all times the nations ruling the world have been the nations foremost in road-building. The best evidence of progress, of civilization, of comfortable, untroubled

good government is the quantity and quality of the roads of the country. Rome's supremacy and France's wonderful financial development could not have existed without the excellent

"Some conception of the value and importance of good roads to our own country may be gathered from the data given by the good roads division

of the United States Department of Agriculture.  
"During the crop year, \$5,487,000,000